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SUBJECT: APRIL 7 EA PRESS SUMMARY

1. PHILIPPINES

ANTI-MARCOS FORCES ENDED ELECTION CAMPAIGN 4/6 W/CITYWIDE
DEMONSTRATION OF HONKING AUTO HORNS/BANGING TIN CANS/
SHOUTS. BOTH PRO/ANTI-MARCOS GROUPS HAVE PREDICTED
VICTORY IN NATL ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS, THO OPPOSITION HAS
ALREADY CLAIMED ELECTION-RIGGING/VOTE FRAUD. MARCOS'
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"NEW SOCIETY" TEAM REPORTEDLY FACES STRONG OPPOSITION
FROM "PEOPLE'S POWER" GROUP, HEADED BY BENIGNO AQUINO
(BUTTERFIELD, NYT; WP, BOTH W/AP FOTO AQUINO'S YOUNG
DAUGHTER ADDRESSING RALLY; REUTER'S BICKLER, MANILA
4/6).

CURRENT REUTER REPORT (BICKLER) SAYS STEADY STREAM OF
VOTERS BEGAN BALLOTING 4/7, W/OPPOSITION CLAIMING
EVIDENCE OF SOME CHEATING DESPITE GENERALLY PEACEFUL
ATMOSPHERE IN MANILA. SECURITY FORCES ON FULL ALERT,

THO FEW INCIDENTS REPORTED. SOME 20 MILLION EXPECTED
VOTE FOR 165 ASSEMBLY SEATS.

IN NOV, HARVARD OFFERED AQUINO POSITION AS VISITING

SCHOLAR/MARCOS REPORTEDLY EXPRESSED ANNOYANCE AT AMEMB
SUGGESTIONS THAT HE FREE AQUINO TO ACCEPT POST, MATHEWS
(WP MANILA) RECALLS.

JACK ANDERSON PRINTS BRIEF REFUTE FROM PHIL EMB RE
CLAIMS--MADE IN HIS COLUMN--MARCOS SEEKING RECOVER
ESTIMATED 100-BIL-DOLS WORTH WWII TREASURE JAPANESE
PLUNDERED IN ASIA/BURIED IN PHILS. PHIL EMB RESPONSE
WAS THAT ANDERSON'S STORY HIS "OWN CONCOCTION"/PHILS
HAS NO PLAN "PICK UP ANY JAPANESE WORLD WAR II TREA-
SURES" (NYDN).

2. KOREA

HOUSE ARMED SERVICES SUBCMTE APPROVES PLAN TO ENABLE
PULLOUT 6,000 US TROOPS FROM SK THIS YR. HOWEVER, PLAN
REQUIRES "BASIC GROUND COMBAT FORCE" REMAIN UNTIL SK-NK
POL SETTLEMENT ACHIEVED. PLAN REPRESENTS MIDDLE COURSE
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BETW OPPOSING VIEWS AT CAPITOL RE IMMEDIATE FUTURE
ENTIRE TROOP W/DRAWAL PROPOSAL (OBERDORFER, WP).

SAME ARTICLE ALSO MENTIONS SK AMB KIM'S MTG W/EA'S
HOLBROOKE 4/6, DURING WHICH OBERDORFER SAYS PROSPECTS
FOR OBTAINING INFO ON KOREA SCANDAL FROM FORMER SK AMB
KIM DONG JO DISCUSSED. US OFFICIALS REPORTEDLY BELIEVE
"FAIR POSSIBILITY" EXISTS ROKG/HOUSE INVESTIGATORS WILL
BE ABLE OBTAIN SUCH INFO W/O BREACHING KIM'S DIPLO
IMMUNITY.

NYT (SEOUL) REPORTS ROKG OFFICIALS HAVE INDICATED THEY
WOULD ACCEPT DENIAL OF BLUE HOUSE BUGGING GIVEN BY AMB
SNEIDER 4/6. AMB ASSURED MIN PARK US NEVER BUGGED BLUE
HOUSE/REPEATED SIMILAR DENIAL LAST YR BY CIA'S TURNER.
MAJOR REASON BEHIND ROKG'S MODERATION IN MATTER SEEN AS
ITS CONCERN OVER ALLEGATION'S DOMESTIC IMPACT. ARTICLE
NOTES GROUP WAR VETS TRIED MOUNT ANTI-US DEMONSTRATION
AT AMEMB 4/6, BUT WERE BLOCKED BY RIOT POLICE.

TESTIFYING IN HANCHO KIM TRIAL 4/6, TONGSUN PARK ADMITTED
REPORTING TO KCIA UNDER INFLUENCE-BUYING PROJECT, "ICE
MOUNTAIN", BUT SAID HE RESENTED THIS "INTRUSION" INTO
HIS OWN OPERATIONS IN US (O'LEARY, WSTAR 4/6). AFTER
CALLING 3 WITNESSES, KIM'S DEFENSE RESTED, W/MATTER
GOING TO JURY FRIDAY (UPI, WP).

SUN'S OLSON REVIEWS PARK'S DEMEANOR AT HILL TESTIMONY, COMMENTING ON HIS STEADY CONTROL/OBVIOUS WEALTH. QUOTES PARK CONSIDERABLY, REMARKING ON HIS NONCHALANT, SOMETIMES FLIPPANT ATTITUDE.

3. JAPAN

ACCORDING FOM MINISTRY SOURCES, EXTERNAL ECON AFFAIRS MIN USHIBA EXPECTED DISCUSS NEW US REQUESTS FOR BIG UNCLASSIFIED

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TARIFF CUTS BY JAPAN DURING MTGS W/US TRADE REP STRAUSS IN GENEVA NEXT WK. SOURCES SAID JAPAN LIKELY ASK BOTH US/EC BOOST THEIR OWN TARIFF CUTS. USHIBA TO HOLD SEPARATE MTGS W/STRAUSS, EC VP HAFERKAMP (REUTER TOKYO).

SPEAKING BEFORE AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MTG IN TOKYO THUS, USHIBA SAID US ACTION TO DEFEND DOLLAR/REDUCE DEPENDENCE ON IMPORTED OIL IMPERATIVE TO PROTECT JAPAN'S ECON RECOVERY/PREVENT "IRREPARABLE DAMAGE" TO INTL ECON SYSTEM. MIN ALSO CALLED ON US RESPOND TO JAPANESE FREE TRADING INITIATIVES IN ORDER REDUCE TRADE SURPLUS (CULLISON, JOC TOKYO).

FRIDAY SEVERAL HUNDRED POLICE SEIZED CONCRETE BUNKER USED BY LEFTWING NARITA AIRPORT OPPONENTS. HUNDREDS OF LEAFLETS/HELMETS CONFISCATED; NO FIREARMS FOUND (REUTER NARITA).

FIFTY-LB FRAGMENT FROM US MIL PLANE CRASHED INTO DESERTED STREET IN YOKOHAMA 4/7; NO INJURIES REPORTED. MIL AUTHORITIES REFUSED COMMENT, BUT POLICE INVESTIGATING INCIDENT (REUTER YOKOHAMA).

4. AUSTRALIA

IN PVT MTGS W/US CONGRESS 4/6, AUSSIE TRADE REP GARLAND EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER PROPOSED LEGISLATION RESTRICT US MEAT IMPORTS FROM AUSTRALIA. SEN HANSEN (R-WYO) STAFF AIDE SAID MTG AMICABLE DESPITE CLEAR DIFFERENCES IN OPINION (REUTER, 4/6).

5. THAILAND/CHINA

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PRC WILL SELL CRUDE OIL TO THAILAND AT "FAVORABLE" PRICES UNDER TERMS RECENT BILAT TRADE AGREEMENT. KRIANGSAK TOLD NEWS CONF EXACT PRICE/AMT OF OIL HADN'T BEEN DETERMINED, BUT NOTED CHINESE DIDN'T SET ANY LIMIT

ON QUANTITY. IN RETURN, THAILAND TO EXPORT SUGAR/RUBBER/
CORN/TOBACCO/FABRICS TO PRC (WSJ HK).

6. CHINA

PRC EDUCATION MINISTRY HAS DECIDED GIVE STANDARD UNIV
ENTRANCE EXAMS THROUGHOUT COUNTRY THIS YR, NCNA REPORTS.
SAYS SYLLABUS TO BE FOLLOWED BY STUDENTS PLANNING ENTER
COLLEGES COVERS POL STUDIES/CHINESE/MATH/PHYSICS/
CHEMISTRY/HISTORY/GEOGRAPHY/FON LANGUAGES (REUTER PEKING).

ITC, IN 5-1 DECISION, CONCLUDES THAT IMPORTS OF POLYVINYL
CHLORIDE PLASTIC SHEET/FILM FROM ROC ARE INJURING DOMESTIC
PRODUCERS. ACTION MEANS TREASURY DEPT WILL ASSESS ANTI-
DUMPING DUTIES AGAINST IMPORTS SUPPLIED BY 2 TAIWAN
FIRMS (WSJ).

7. HONG KONG/VN REFUGEES

HK HAS REFUSED ENTRY TO 71 VIET REFUGEES PICKED UP BY
NORWEGIAN TANKER, ACCORDING IMMIGRATION OFFICIALS, BECAUSE
HK WAS NOT SHIP'S SCHEDULED PORT OF CALL. BUT TANKER,
NOW SAILING THROUGH S CHINA SEA, HAS BEEN TOLD IT CAN
ENTER HK IF IT FALLS SHORT OF PROVISIONS/IF MEDICAL
ATTENTION NEEDED. NORWEGIAN VESSELS HAVE PICKED UP MORE
THAN 500 VN REFUGEES/HALF HAVE SETTLED IN NORWAY (REUTER
HK).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

8. PHILIPPINES

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SUN'S ISAACS (MANILA) FINDS ELECTIONS WILL CHANGE
"TRAPPINGS, BUT LITTLE OF THE REALITY" OF MARCOS'
AUTHORITARIAN RULE. STATES EVEN NEUTRAL OBSERVERS
FIND CONTEST UNEQUAL, E.G., AQUINO PERMITTED 1 TV
APPEARANCE/1 NEWS CONF, WHILE MARCOSES HAVE MADE
EXTENSIVE USE GOVT MACHINERY TO FURTHER THEIR CAMPAIGN.
NOTES IN THAT SINGLE NEWS CONF, AQUINO COMMENTED ON
ELECTIONS: "MARCOS OWNS THE BALL CLUB, HE OWNS THE
PLAYERS, HE OWNS THE REFEREES."

MALLOY (WSJ MANILA) SEES ELECTION "EMPTY TEST" OF
MARCOS POL POWER. CITES GOVT-CONTROLLED PRESS, NOTING
THAT WHILE AQUINO HASN'T BEEN QUOTED IN WEEKS, SUMMARIES
OF MARCOS' NEW BOOK HAVE RUN 14 CONSECUTIVE DAYS--
ALONG W/FRONT-PG ARTICLES PRAISING IMELDA.

9. PHILIPPINES/THAILAND

JOC'S LORENZ (BANGKOK) COMPARES PHILS "UNEVEN CONTEST"
W/SUHARTO RE-ELECTION/"INEVITABLE SUCCESSION" THAI

MIL COUPS. REVIEWS PHILS ECON DIFFICULTIES/MOUNTING
PUBLIC TENSIONS. QUOTES SERGIO OSMENA, COMMENTING ON
POSSIBILITY OF MARCOS EVER STEPPING DOWN: "THERE'S
ONLY ONE WAY MARCOS WILL EVER LEAVE MALACANANG PALACE,
AND YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN."

10. THAILAND

AMORN (REUTER BANGKOK) DOES FEATURE ON THAILAND'S
FORTHCOMING NEW CONSTITUTION/DEBATE IT HAS SPARKED.
FINDS DISAGREEMENT RESTS BETW THOSE WHO SEE DOCUMENT
AS MEANS AVOID CONTINUED POL TURBULENCE AND THOSE WHO
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CHARGE CONSTITUTION WILL ENFORCE PRESENT MIL MONOPOLY
ON THAI POLITICS. IN ALL, OPINES FEW THAIS BELIEVE
ANY CONSTITUTION WILL GUARANTEE GOVT AGAINST COUP IF
MIL DECIDES STEP IN.

11. THAILAND/CHINA

CSM'S MORITZ (HK) SAYS PM KRIANGSAK'S ANNOUNCEMENT OF
AGREEMENT W/PEKING TO BUY STILL UNDETERMINED AMOUNT OF PRC
OIL AT "FAVORABLE" PRICE COULD SIGNAL NEW LEVEL SINO-THAI
ECON CO-OPERATION AT TIME WHEN BANGKOK SEEKS ESPECIALLY
GOOD RELS W/PEKING. NOTES RTG WISHES PROTECT ITSELF MUCH
AS POSSIBLE AGAINST CHINESE "PARTY-TO-PARTY" SUPPORT FOR
COMMUNIST INSURGENTS OPERATING INSIDE/ACROSS ITS BORDERS;
ALSO, HOPES FOR AT LEAST INDIRECT AID IN BRINGING EARLY
END TO ITS BORDER CLASHES W/CAMBODIA. FINALLY, THAI GOVT
WANTS INEXPENSIVE OIL IMPORTS TO EASE ITS BOP PROBLEMS.
BUT MORITZ POINTS OUT THERE WAS NO DIRECT INDICATION OF
PROGRESS ON SEVERAL POINTS IN KRIANGSAK'S COMMENTS AT 4/6
HK NEWS CONF. OBSERVING NO OFFICIAL THAI REPLY YET TO
VERBAL INVITATION BY PRC LEADERS FOR THAI ROYAL FAMILY TO
VISIT PEKING, SAYS SUCH VISIT COULD SYMBOLIZE MERELY LIMITED
CHINESE COMMITMENT TO THAI COMMUNISTS.

12. CHINA

IN ANOTHER ARTICLE, MORITZ SEES PRC'S RESEARCHERS/
TECHNOLOGISTS/ENGINEERS--CHARGED W/OVERCOMING SCIENTIFIC
BACKWARDNESS BY YR 2000--FACING AT LEAST ONE BIG PROBLEM
HAVING NOTHING DO W/LABORATORY: HOW BEHAVE SO THAT
SUDDEN SHIFT OF POL WIND WILL NOT LEAVE ONE VULNERABLE
TO CRITICISM/PURGE. SAYS PROBLEM MAY WELL BE WHOM TO
BELIEVE--HUA OR TENG, WHO AT RECENT NATL SCIENCE CONF
"USED DIFFERENT WORDS TO STRESS DIFFERENT THINGS"; AND IF
THIS MEANS HI-LEVEL SPLIT ON POLICY TOWARD SCIENCE, THOSE

AFFECTED MUST JUDGE CAREFULLY JUST HOW CHART THEIR COURSE.
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FEELS DESPITE SUCH UNCERTAINTIES, RECENT CONF DID GIVE

SOME IMPORTANT CLUES RE RESEARCH PRIORITIES, AS SPELLED
OUT BY STATE SCIENTIFIC/TECHNOLOGICAL COMMISSION CHIEF
FANG YI.

CSM'S POND (BONN) SEES PRC "COZYING UP" TO FRG/EUROPE,
AS FRESH FROM SIGNING EEC TRADE PACT, CHINESE FON TRADE
MIN IS PAYING FIRST-EVER PRC CABINET-LEVEL VISIT TO BONN
LEADERS/CAPITALISTS/MARX BIRTHPLACE. SAYS WHILE EEC
PACT DOES NOT SPECIFY ANY TRADE LEVEL, IT DOES PROVIDE
MUTUAL FAVORABLE TARIFF TREATMENT/SIGNALS TO WATCHING
SOVIETS--ESPECIALLY BY CONTRAST TO LATEST TIF IN SINO-
SOVIET BORDER NEGOTS--THAT CHINESE CONTINUE COURT FRG
AS DELIBERATE ANTI-SOVIET PLOY. NOTES THAT IN SIGNING
TRADE AGREEMENT, LI CHIANG NOTED POINTEDLY THAT PEKING
SUPPORTS WEUROPE "IN ITS UNION FOR STRENGTH AND IN ITS
STRUGGLE AGAINST HEDGEMONY."

POND SAYS THAT IN SOVIET EYES, CHINESE WOOING OF FRG
IS ESPECIALLY FLAGRANT SINCE MUCH OF LI'S WK-LONG VISIT
IS DEVOTED TO VISITING SIEMENS/DIAMIER-BENZ/BOSCH/OTHER
CAPITALIST GIANTS OF SORT MOSCOW WELCOMES AS SIBERIA
DEVELOPERS BUT NOT AS DEVELOPERS OF SINKIANG. NOTES
CHINESE HAVE DABBLED IN AIRCRAFT PURCHASES, BUYING 4
MESSERSCHMIDT HELICOPTERS, WITH OPTION ON 16 MORE, OF
TYPE USED FOR SERVICING OFFSHORE OIL RIGS. VANCE

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